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F R E E

Diane Kullis to fill in as interim superintendent

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

The Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education had been tasked with hiring a new interim superintendent, a new Human Resources Director, and a new Transportation Director, the sooner the better.

With the May 11 resignation of Interim Superintendent/Human Resources Director Shonta Langford-Green, the board was left with two big holes in the administration.

Then came the April 29 resignation of Transportation Director Karen Blevin, another important position.

The process is under way to get a new superintendent on the job by July 1.

At a special board meeting April 28, the board named Diane Kullis as interim superintendent, to officially begin the position on May 12, the day after current interim superintendent Green leaves.

Kullis, who was Director of Instruction and now works as Federal and State Grant Coordinator, has been with the district since 2011. She was due to retire in June 2015, but she said Supt. Van Tassel asked her to stay on for another year to train Jeff Moore, the new Director of Instruction, which she did.

Kullis holds a Bachelor of Arts in Special Education, Deaf/Hard of Hearing; Master of Arts in Instructional Development and Technology; Master of Arts in Educational Leadership, with Elementary Principal and Central Office Certification; Director of Special Education Certification; Specialist of Arts – Educational Leadership; and a State of Michigan School Administrator Certificate.

She will be paid an extra \$100 a day as interim superintendent after she is officially on the job, similar to the agreement with Green to do the interim superintendent

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Independent photo by Rosemary K. Oztman

At about midnight Sunday night, Rick McPhee, who lives on the lake in the 42000 block of East Huron River Drive, said he was awakened by a loud crash that he thought was thunder. Turns out a car has veered off the road, knocked down his fence, went through the beautiful landscaping owned by him and his neighbor, Dennis Ertman, just missed some trees and Ertman's house, and ended up nose-down in a boat well on the shoreline. It appeared no one was injured. Several teenagers were on the roadside with another car that they said had been rear-ended by the first car. VBT Police said the incident was under investigation. But how to get the car out was the question, since Ertman didn't want it dragged up the hill, which would tear up the landscaping. Options included a barge, a crane, a helicopter. The homeowner's insurance adjusters were due out on Tuesday to consider the project. The car, reportedly, had no insurance.

School Board Trustee says MASB owes school district an apology

By Rosemary K. Oztman
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"As a board, we should register a complaint with the MASB," said Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education Trustee Sherry Frazier at the special board meeting April 28.

She referred to the Michigan Association of School Boards whose representative Dr. Rodney Green is leading the program to find a new school superintendent for the Van Buren Schools to replace Michael Van Tassel who was fired in February.

The Van Buren schools agreed to pay

\$7,200 for his service.

"We should register our concern over them sending us Green with his background," Frazier said. "I checked out the public records and it is accurate."

She said: "Shame on you," to MASB. She added that she doesn't know if they can trust Green's work for them.

No other board member commented on her statement, but later Frazier said all members of the school board were sent emails from a member of the East China School Board in St. Clair County telling about Green's background.

She said Green was fired for the same sorts of things Van Tassel was fired for.

According to news reports, members of the East China District tried to warn Central Bucks School District families in Doylestown, PA, when it was considering Green for its superintendent for the third-

largest school district in the state after a nationwide search. Green was getting about \$148,625 per year in East China with 5,000 students.

Central Bucks, with about 20,000 students, hired him with a salary of \$225,000 to start and then fired him after nine months in 2013. To break the four-year contract, he was able to leave the district with \$364,000 and a year of health insurance in the severance agreement, which included a non-disparagement clause. That means neither side could say critical remarks about the other. He also was able to keep his district-paid iPad and iPhone.

Several residents of the East China School District commented publicly about their dissatisfaction with Green's performance and created a Facebook page: Save East China Schools.

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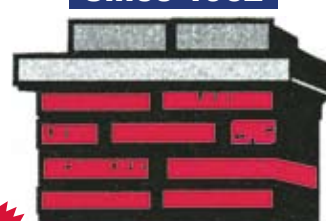
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School Board

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work along with her Human Resources job.

Actually, Kullis will start working with Green immediately to tend to pressing matters. School Board President Brent Mikulski said all the union contracts are up for negotiations and possible layoff notices should have been sent a month ago.

Secretary Kevin English said Green said she would help with the transition. Green was not present at the meeting.

Trustee Sherry Frazier said Green said she would be available to consult with the district. Trustee Frazier said she has received interest from others who were considered when Green was hired. She said the district has a long-term substitute who has Human Resources background.

"We can count on them," she said of employees inside the district.

President Mikulski said Green will work to help the district and they can use internal staff with qualifications to prepare for May 12, when Green is gone.

He said the Human Resources job has been posted as a permanent position.

Frazier said the position has to be filled as soon as possible and Trustee Kathy Kovach agreed.

"It is no one's intention to wait," said Secretary English.

"We don't want to appoint a cabinet for the new superintendent," English warned.

"We may be able to have a new superintendent make the final decision for these positions," Mikulski said.

English praised the considerable background of Kullis.

Frazier agreed and made the motion to approve Kullis as interim superintendent beginning May 12. Kovach seconded and the board unanimously approved the motion.

Frazier said Kullis needs to "immediately start working with Green to work on the immediate fires we have to put out."

Savage Four

At the beginning of the meeting, Frazier made a motion to add to the agenda discussion and possibly a return to work of the four employees still on paid administrative leave at Savage Elementary School. One teacher recently signed an agreement and is back on the job.

Trustee Alison Bennett seconded the motion and board vice president Martha Toth voted no. The motion passed.

When the discussion began, Frazier said it's been over 90 days that the teachers have been on paid administrative leave. In addition there has been the expense of payment for substitutes and growing attorney fees.

"It is our prerogative," she said, stating the board can take control and have them

back to work after signing a hold-harmless agreement promising not to sue.

Frazier said board members have been told there will be a report from attorneys in two weeks.

"Another two weeks?" she asked, requesting fellow board members to state why they think it's OK to wait longer.

Kovach said she seeks the best interest of the students and community.

"I think teachers should come back, but I don't want to get sued..." Kovach said. "We're losing so many people." She said the situation is "crummy."

Frazier said the board can tell the teachers they can return to the classroom on Monday if they sign the agreement. She said the attorneys already have had 90 days to deal with it.

Trustee Bennett said it's her understanding the hold-harmless agreement already has been offered to the teachers, so what would this prove?

"If they don't sign, we know which direction they're going," Frazier replied.

"They were offered the same agreement as the one who signed," vice president Toth said.

"We have the authority to put the teachers back in the classroom," Frazier insisted. "The reason I'm pushing is because of Green's departure ... a new superintendent, Human Resources, Transportation Director ... we have a lot on our plate."

Frazier made a motion to put the four teachers back to their jobs by May 1, stipulating they have to sign hold-harmless agreements before then.

Toth said there is a seven-day revocation period in the agreement, so Frazier said they could go back to work seven days after signing.

Mikulski said the attorneys are working on it.

"Stop the fees for the attorney," Frazier insisted. "We have the prerogative to put them back to work... We've spent \$100,000 out of the instructional budget for attorneys. It's been our goal to keep attorney fees low."

When Mikulski mentioned issues with the teachers, Frazier said, "We can force the issue. Either they want to go back to the classrooms ... or go off this way ... go off dead center or take tenure charges against them. We're spending time, resources."

Toth said there is a seven-day revocation period and, "I want the agreement, but I don't agree doing it this way."

"Are we doing what's best for the students?" Frazier asked.

"If they sign by May 1, they can be back May 8," Kovach said.

"We can't be sued as a district because they're being returned to the classroom," Frazier said.

"That's what's there now," Mikulski said.

"The risk is they won't accept the offer,"

Frazier said.

"They haven't accepted," Mikulski said.

"It's already in front of them," Bennett added.

"Attorneys are involved," Toth said. "They have to negotiate with the union. There is a contract."

Frazier said the teachers are employees and they have contracts through June 30.

"You don't have to involve attorneys at \$300 an hour – that's the average," Frazier said. "He [Van Tassel] removed the teachers without telling the board. He told me he removed the teachers during the school day because our legal counsel advised him to. Poor legal advice. We were at the end of the marking period and could have waited another week. There was a fiasco on the report cards. Didn't have anyone to put the grades together..."

"I want the teachers back and I don't want to get sued," repeated Kovach.

"I think everyone wants the teachers back," Mikulski said.

"Then, let's do it," Frazier said, accusing the board of letting the attorneys run the district. "We're the board."

"We're not letting the attorneys run the district," Mikulski said. "The attorneys are in it to protect the district."

"My motion is to direct the teachers to return to their classrooms and sign a hold-harmless agreement saying the district will not be sued. Signed by May 1," Frazier said. "Then we know where they stand."

"If we can't get sued, I support," Kovach said.

English said the teacher situation is taxing the budget and reputation of the district, but Frazier's motion is almost circumventing due process.

"I'm not comfortable with that tonight," English said.

"The board of education is authorized to put employees on administrative leave and to put them back to work, with a signed hold-harmless agreement," Frazier said.

"If we had it before us, we could approve it," English said of a hold-harmless agreement. "We don't have it before us tonight."

Frazier withdrew her original motion and made a new motion to direct Langford-Green to consult with the attorneys and come up with a hold-harmless agreement by Monday. "It is a standard form," she said.

And, the motion continued, to direct teachers to sign the hold-harmless agreement by May 2, with seven days to revoke or return to their classrooms. Kovach seconded the motion.

Toth said this circumvents the rest of the things signed by the other teacher who returned.

"There are other provisions in the agreement and I'm not willing to let them go," Toth said.

The roll-call vote showed Frazier and

Kovach voting yes and the rest of the board voting no.

Frazier then asked each board member to give a better idea on why having the hold-harmless agreement wasn't good.

"I'd like comments," Frazier said, looking around the board table, focusing on Trustee Kelly Owen next to her. Owen had not spoken at all since the meeting began.

"We're not requiring other board members to speak," Mikulski said, nevertheless offering an invitation to board members for comments.

"No one has an opinion," Frazier stated, when no one spoke up.

"Not true," Toth replied.

"It's very disturbing to be working with a board that won't express ideas," Frazier said. She said two Sundays ago she contacted board members by email and got no response.

"It was a sign of a totally dysfunctional board," she said. "The community should be aware of this ... This is a reality ... The community, the parents, deserve to know our thought processes on this issue."

She said since her contact, she and Toth exchanged emails, and so did English, Kovach, and Mikulski.

"I wonder about other board members who never talked about it," Frazier said.

"There's nothing more than what has been said," Bennett said, adding there are things in negotiation she does not wish to give up.

"It's a no-win situation," Frazier said. "I agree with Mrs. Toth."

When members of the audience said they wished to speak, Mikulski said they could have spoken before the discussion, but there is no agenda item for that now because it's a special meeting.

Former school board trustee Scott Russell called out that the bylaws allow public input at special meetings, but he was ignored.

"We could help you," Russell said.

English announced the state now allows retired teachers to substitute for one year, which should help the substitute situation. Frazier asked Finance Director Shareen Barker to present a full report on attorney fees for the year and she said she would.

Toth cautioned that not all the attorney fees are for this issue.

"We made a decision to keep our legal fees down," Frazier said, adding she would like to see Barker's figures compared to the previous year.

Frazier said she checked on the Transportation Director situation and found that former VBPS Transportation Director Rhonda Lyons left VBPS and went to Huron Schools in New Boston. Lyons now has taken a job at RESA and she recommended Blevin for her former job at Huron.

A member of the audience called out to the board: "What did you do that was so bad that you are afraid of being sued?"

OPINIONS

Editorial

Dispute over Honor & Remember flag steams up in city

LeRoy Paige was at Monday's meeting of the city council to seek Belleville's support for the Honor and Remember flag he is promoting. Paige of Sumpter Township, a Vietnam veteran and manager of the statewide H&R group, already had received the full support of his Sumpter Township board for his flag. They agreed to fly the flag at the township for the month of May.

A picture of the flag flying on a pole below the American flag at a municipal building in Sumpter brought consternation at Sunday's Bugles Across America event at the Veterans Memorial in Belleville. The way it was flying, just under the American flag, was against flag protocol, they said.

On Monday, after Paige was told the city would delay for two weeks consideration of his request to use the H&R flag at the Veterans Memorial, among other requests, he left the meeting.

Cornell Anton, speaking for the local VFW and PLAV, said if Sumpter doesn't remove that H&R flag from the American flag pole, the groups will withdraw participation in Sumpter Fest, held each Memorial Day week end. If the city allows the H&R flag to fly at the Veterans Memorial, the groups will cease participation in events at that site. The H&R flag resembles the North Vietnam and North Korean flags, which is one issue. Another issue is loyalty to the American flag. (To be continued.)

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

A reader from Sumpter called to urge people who go to Belle Tire for tires and then get high quotes on repair jobs they didn't know they needed on their cars -- to get a second opinion.

Darryl Keller said he just went in to buy two tires and was told, by the way, you need a whole front end job for about \$1,000. He took his car to a Belleville mechanic he has known for years to see if he could do it for less cost. That mechanic said there was nothing wrong with his car.

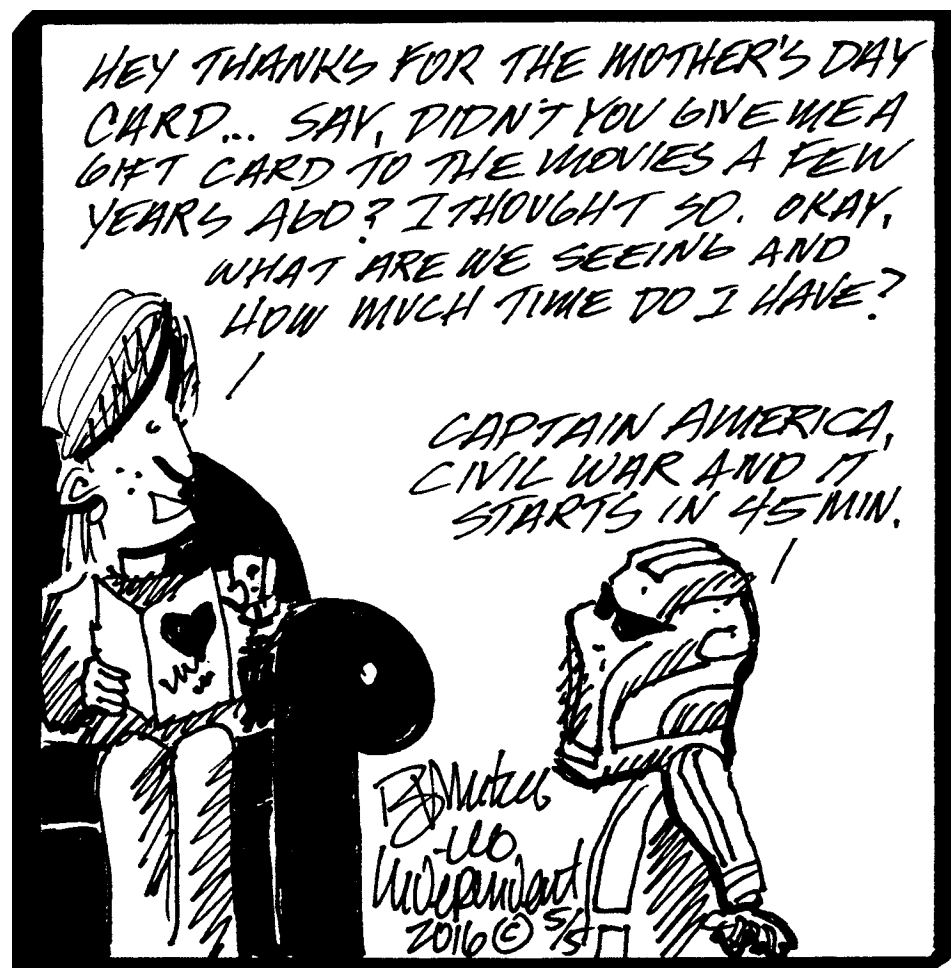
Similar incidents have occurred with his wife's and son's cars. He ran into a man returning parts to a Belleville auto parts store. The man said Belle Tire said he needed all these parts, so he bought them and his son was installing them, when the son stopped to tell his dad to take the parts back to the store. Nothing was wrong with the car.

He's talked to others who have had similar experiences.

Darryl said he decided to call the *Independent* after the driver of the car he was in stopped for free air at Belle Tire. He said he saw an elderly man sitting inside holding a piece of paper that looked like the financial paperwork he had been given. He said he worries a lot that seniors are not getting second opinions on the repairs they are told they need. Or, women who don't know about cars.

"I wanted people in general to know," he said, adding after he raised a rumpus over the wrong diagnosis of his wife's car, he got an apology and offer of two free oil changes. He said he told them he won't ever come back to this company.

On June 25, 2015, we published a letter



from Kelly Boelter of Sumpter Township that told a similar story. Her husband had been given an estimate of \$600 at Belle Tire for a repair. He got a second opinion from Lonnie's at Five Points. Lonnie's charged \$30 for the same part. They've kept the documentation on the incident.

Just get a second opinion if a proposed repair is costly. Can't hurt.

Residents of Pine Forest subdivision in Van Buren Township were upset last week about all the trees being torn down to expand the pipeline that already goes through their neighborhood.

One resident said she had lived there for 18 years and it's so upsetting to see those trees gone. Pine Forest is in the area of W. Huron River Drive and Elwell Road.

That line that also goes through school property.

I was told about security people chasing three subjects who weren't supposed to be inside Belleville High School. Police Chief Berriman said the three were ticketed for trespassing. That was about 1:50 p.m., Thursday, April 21.

There was another person outside and the car they all rode in was found to have drugs in it. Police said two were charged and will be heading to 34th District Court.

Tom White, the disbarred attorney from Belleville who is serving time for

defrauding a lot of local folk, has been moved again. He now is at the minimum-security Central Michigan Correctional Facility in St. Louis, MI, west of Saginaw and south of Mt. Pleasant.

He started his prison sentence last summer in a facility in the Upper Peninsula, moved to another UP facility, and recently was in Muskegon.

Earliest release date is April 8, 2020.

On Monday morning we got a call that the front door at Hayward's was smashed in. I went over and found the shattered door being cleaned up. Chief Berriman said between 2:36 and 7:46 a.m., a single male (they have video surveillance) broke in the door and made off with whiskey and cigarettes -- no money. There could have been a second person, a lookout outside, he said. Belleville Police were working to identify the culprit.

Last Thursday a beautiful Yorkshire Terrier was found wandering around the City of Belleville. Chief Berriman said it was a beautiful dog with a nice coat, but no chip. Tina took care of the dog until Friday night when the owner finally came in. He had been driving around for two days looking for his dog, but hadn't thought to ask the police about it.



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Letters

Think no one saw you? HE SAW YOU

To the Editor:

After reading, "Beware, Thieves" in the April 14 issue, I just had to write my story.

In 1991, I was visiting my mother in Florida. She showed me her big and beautiful red geraniums that she had grown in her front yard. She was so proud of them. In 1992, Mom died. In 1993, I placed the biggest pot of red geraniums I could find on her grave the day before Mother's Day. On Mother's Day I went to the cemetery and the flowers were gone. Somebody's Mother has a beautiful pot of flowers, but mine did not. To the person who stole my Mother's flowers: HE SAW YOU.

Years ago on Christmas Eve, while my family was enjoying Christmas and Santa Claus, someone broke into our barn and stole the stand-up compressor. To that someone: HE SAW YOU.

In 2007, Dad died. He wanted to be buried next to his Mom and Dad in Kinross, MI, so I took Dad and the family Up North for the funeral. While we were gone, someone cut the lock off the barn. They stole chain saws, welder, cutting torches, and many other tools. To that someone: HE SAW YOU.

About two months ago, while my husband was standing in the middle of Main Street for the annual Knights of Columbus Charity Tootsie Roll Drive, a man stopped his car, jumped out, and stole one of our orange cones that the police chief wanted to be put out for everyone's safety. My husband saw you, and so did HE.

But this one is the best. In April of 2015, I bought a new Kubota RTV 900. In September, they went into a locked barn and stole it. I thought I had insurance on it. My insurance company had no record of it. So, in November of 2015, I had to make my first payment for something I did not have.

Having my Consignment Auction the first Saturday in April, I knew I needed to have something to drive around the farm. I couldn't keep walking back and forth that much. So, the Friday before Easter, my new Kubota was delivered. On Monday, April 11, 2016 at 4 p.m., the dealer came to the farm for me to sign my papers on the new Kubota. At 11:45 p.m., that same night, the Sumpter Police called to tell me some GOOD NEWS. The Adrian Police found my stolen Kubota. I was told that it was about to be sold on the internet. The police found it six months later on US 23 and 223 on a trailer about to leave the state. Yes, the man is in jail. To that man: HE SAW YOU, TOO.

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To all you people who steal: You may think no one sees you, but HE sees you. One of God's Ten Commandments is "Thou Shalt Not Steal." Remember it. Jail is just here on Earth. Hell is eternity.

Linda LeBlanc
Sumpter Township

I agree: Riggs farm house should be saved

Dear Editor and Van Buren Township:

I may not be a lifelong resident of the area, but have spent the last 23 years here, and I side with James Chapman and Genevieve Riggs that the Riggs farm house should be saved and not torn down.

A few years ago it was supposed to be cleaned out of the asbestos and refinished. What happened? They are right it is our heritage for this area. Too many things are being torn down rather than preserved.

This is a chance to give the people in the area a look into what life was like in early Belleville, and not have to go several miles away and pay a lot of money to see a farm house from the same period. The museum offers some look into what life was like, but seeing a house firsthand makes a bit more of an impression on children. It could be used as a teaching tool for classes of any age (field trip that won't cost a lot), an area attraction as part of the Green Belt walkway, a place for teas, gatherings, birthday parties, and weddings.

Does anyone in the township see potential here? There is also a chance you could get a fixer-upper person, like Nicole Curtis of Rehab Addict, who was originally from the Detroit area to come do it.

Think about the impact to the families and other who come to the Belleville area. Let's preserve our history!

Dawn Pollard
Sub. Teacher and lover of History

P.S. Van Buren Township - What about a craft store like Hobby Lobby or Michael's or JoAnn's to go in the old Farmer Jack Store? It is something we could use in this area.

Correction:

ALDI store to be 18,850 square feet in size

On the front page of last week's *Independent* we published the story about ALDI food market coming to Van Buren Township. The second paragraph said, correctly, it would be 18,850 square feet in size. The third paragraph referred, incorrectly, to it being 1,440 square feet.

A reader pointed out that 1,440 square feet is about the size of a fruit stand.

We regret the error.

Anthony L. Isom

In last week's paper we announced a presentation at the library on Saturday by author Anthony L. Isom, but the headline was wrong, calling him Adrian. We regret the glitch.

Rosemary K. Otzman, editor

More Letters

Check your receipts after Meijer shopping

To the Editor:

I go shopping for groceries at the Meijer store in Van Buren Township every Tuesday and for the past two weeks I have been overcharged. I was told they recently got new scanners.

Today (Tuesday) I was overcharged \$19.67 and last week it was about \$10. They give it back once you point it out. It seems the scanners are charging twice for some items.

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Meijer shopper



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Obituaries



Ronnie Dwayne Miller

RONNIE DWAYNE MILLER

(July 31, 1949 – April 26, 2016)

Ronnie Dwayne Miller, age 66, of Belleville, MI, passed away peacefully during his sleep on Tuesday, April 26, 2016 at his home after battling cancer for nearly three years. He was born July 31, 1949 in Harlan, Kentucky, son of Everett & Viola (Phipps) Miller.

He was the son of a union coal miner, and developed a love of nature, spending time walking in the woods of Appalachia. Christmases were very special, with his older siblings coming home from Michigan and Indiana with their families, filling the home with laughter and love.

Ronnie graduated from James A. Cawood High School in Harlan in 1967. But the coal mines were not his destiny. After graduation, he attended two years of community college intending to study library and information science. To earn money for college, he spent several summers with his oldest sister, Marjorie, in New Boston, Michigan, to work at the Kelsey-Hayes plant with her husband. While there, he met the girl next door, or at least across the street, Elaine Hankins. They married on November 4, 1970, and he moved to Michigan permanently to live, work and raise his family. Ronnie worked at Kelsey Hayes and retired after 31 years of service. He was a kind-hearted person who dearly loved his family. Hunting, fishing and gardening were some of his favorite pastimes. He taught himself to play guitar, and played until just a few months ago.

Ronnie is survived by his wife of almost 46 years, Elaine Diane (Hankins) Miller who did an amazing job aiding him in his fight against cancer; two daughters Amy (Brad) Jordan of Ann Arbor, MI and Melissa (Stephen) Potbury of Napoleon, MI; 6 grandchildren; mother-in-law Betty E. Hankins of Westland, MI; two sisters Barbara Sue (Jim) Branson of Indiana and Janice Redmond of Kentucky; brother Roger (Betty) Miller of Michigan; also numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, father-in-law David Hankins, brother Randy Miller, sister Ruby in infancy, sister Marjorie Overbay and her husband Kenneth Overbay, also brother-in-law Bob Redmond.

Visitation was 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Friday, April 29, 2016 at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111-2764 (734) 697-4500. Funeral Service began at 1 p.m. Rev. Jim Walker officiated. Interment was in United Memorial Gardens, Plymouth, MI. Memorial donations are suggested to your local veterans. Please sign his on-line guest book and share a story for his family to treasure at www.davidcbrownfh.com.



Robert D. Wright

ROBERT D. WRIGHT

(November 8, 1934 – April 28, 2016)

Robert D. Wright, 81, of Garden Corners, MI died April 28, 2016 at the Schoolcraft Medical Care Facility in Manistique.

He was born October 4, 1934 in Atlanta, NY the son of Adrian and Rose Mary (Spagnioletti) Wright and attended schools in New York and Belleville, MI.

From 1957-1962 he served in the U.S. Army.

While living in the Detroit area, he was employed as a power salesman for the Detroit Edison Company and was also employed as an across country charter bus driver. He moved to Garden Corners 43 years ago and was employed as a bus driver by the Schoolcraft County Public Transit until his retirement.

Bob was a member of the American Legion, the V.F.W., and many historical societies. He enjoyed exploring history throughout the United States and Canada. He loved to probe genealogy and travel worldwide.

Bob is survived by his brother, Edward (Sharon) Wright of Ypsilanti, MI; foster son, Mark (Robbin) Rellinger of Marquette; along with nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Ronald Wright.

A graveside service was held at noon, Wednesday, May 4, 2016 at the Raising Presbyterian Cemetery in Raisin Township, Holloway, MI.

The Messier-Broullire Funeral Home of Manistique is assisting the family with the arrangements. Online condolences may be expressed at www.mbfuneral.com.



Gerald Francis Moon

GERALD FRANCIS MOON

(June 5, 1941 – April 26, 2016)

Gerald Francis Moon of Belleville passed away Tuesday, April 26, peacefully at home with his children by his side.

He was born June 5, 1941 in Saginaw, the son of Karl and Doris Moon. He was married to his loving wife Gail for 44 years and she survives him. He is survived by his sister Ruth Ann Lamont; children Bryan Moon, Gerald Moon, Sherry Toussaint, Jeri Adair, Charles Moon, Roger Moon, and Dawne Borders; as well as several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Sadly, Gerald was preceded in death by his brother Karl Moon and son Anthony Moon.

Gerald served in the U.S. Army for six years as a sergeant. He was also the owner/operator for Moon Distributors for several years.

A celebration of life will be held on Sunday, June 5, 2016 at 10 a.m. at Maple Grove Cemetery in Concord, MI.

**More Obituaries
on page 8 & 10**

Obituaries



Harriett G. Doty

HARRIET G. DOTY

(May 23, 1917 – May 2, 2016)

Mrs. Harriet G. Doty passed away Monday, May 2, 2016 at her home surrounded by her family. She was born May 23, 1917 in Farm Ridge, Illinois a daughter of the late Alvin O. and Florence Mabel (Brown) Doty.

On December 25, 1936 she was married to Charles E. Doty in Ottawa, Illinois moving to Belleville from Detroit in 1949. Mr. Doty preceded her in death on November 21, 2004. Mrs. Doty was a resident of Belleville for 67 years.

Mrs. Doty was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Belleville. Mrs. Doty enjoyed sewing, making quilts, knitting, and gardening. Her greatest pastime was spending time with her children and grandchildren.

Mrs. Doty was the loving mother of Charles E. Doty, Jr. of Belleville and Sandra (James Wilson) Baker of Ypsilanti. Dear grandmother of John Schindler, Katherine Schindler, Shawn Kouba, Christopher (Kelsie) Laurie, and Derrick Doty. Great grandmother of Mariah. Mrs. Doty was preceded in death by her children: Carolyn Plice in 2007 and Marilyn Funkhouser in 2015; parents; and brothers Melvin and Arthur.

Visitation was held on Tuesday, May 3, 2016 from 4-8 p.m. at the Higginson & Neal Funeral Home, 209 Main St., Belleville, (734) 697-9400. Funeral services were on Wednesday, May 4, 2016 at 11 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 417 Charles St., Belleville. The family received friends at the church starting at 10 a.m. on Wednesday. Burial followed at Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock, Michigan.

Memorial contributions are suggested to Sandra Baker for a charity to be determined at a later date.

Please leave a message with the on-line guest book at www.hnfhome.com.



Geraldine "Jerry" Lehman

GERALDINE EVANGELINE LEHMAN

(August 9, 1927 – April 26, 2016)

Geraldine "Jerry" Lehman, age 88, of Belleville, MI, passed away Tuesday, April 26, 2016 at her home, surrounded by family. She was born August 9, 1927 in North Branch, MI, daughter of William Edward and Olive Monica (Hoffman) Swoish. She moved to Belleville 50 years ago from Howell, MI. She was a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church, Belleville. Her favorite pastimes were sewing, gardening, reading, playing cards, and baking pies. She also loved to dance, take walks, watch birds from the kitchen window, and visit with family and friends.

Mrs. Lehman is survived by four children Deborah S. Lehman of Duxbury, MA, Michael D. Lehman of Belleville, Cynthia M. (Alex) DePetro of Grosse Pointe Shores, MI, and Steven B. (Jodie) Lehman, of Wayne, MI; 10 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren and one on the way; also numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Glenn Charles Lehman on April 9, 2008, her 3 sisters Hazel Holt, Madonna Houck and Lois Houck; also a brother Roy Swoish.

Visitation was 5-8 p.m. on Friday with a Scripture service at 7 p.m. at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111-2764 (734) 697-4500. Funeral Mass was 11 a.m. Saturday, April 30, 2016 at St. Anthony Catholic Church, 409 W. Columbia Ave., Belleville, with Father Tom Cusick as Celebrant. Visitation was 10-11 a.m. at Church. Interment was in Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock, MI.

Memorial contributions may be made to the wishes of the family and would be greatly appreciated. Please sign her on-line guest book and share a memory for her family to cherish at www.davidcbrownfh.com.



Richard Thomas Flavell

RICHARD THOMAS FLAVELL

(November 8, 1953 – April 30, 2016)

Age 62, a lifetime Belleville-area resident.

Richard is survived by his beloved wife of 40 years, Debra; loving father of Amy (Francis) Matthews of Canton and Jodi Flavell also of Canton; proud grandfather of Leah and Molly. Richard is also survived by his siblings, Fred (Barb) Flavell and Patricia (Charles) Hawkins and many loving extended family and friends. Mr. Flavell was born on November 8, 1953 in Detroit, Michigan. He moved to the Belleville area during his childhood, graduating from Belleville High School in 1971. After high school, he earned a B.A. degree in Music from Eastern Michigan University. Ultimately, he became a partner in the ownership of the Tin Lizzie restaurant of Belleville.

Richard loved his pets and enjoyed living on Belleville Lake. Golf and following professional golf was also an enjoyment. Mostly, he loved his family, especially his grandchildren. A memorial service celebrating Richard's life will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, May 5, in the Main Chapel of the David C. Brown Funeral Home of Belleville. 734-697-4500.

The Flavell family also received guests from 4 until 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to the Huron Valley Humane Society. Please sign his online guest book with a memory for his family to cherish at www.davidcbrownfh.com.



Nathaniel Eugene Butler

NATHANIEL EUGENE BUTLER

(June 4, 1925 – April 23, 2016)

Nathaniel Eugene Butler born June 4, 1925 in Dermott, Arkansas passed away April 23, 2016. Nathaniel served the area as a Wayne County Sheriff's Deputy from 1951-1976 and was a master home builder in this area, working with Albert Harris. He and Earl Low were the first black road patrol deputies in the Wayne County Sheriff's Department history. They were sworn in together, but Deputy Low resigned after two months. Nathaniel was credited with saving the life of 13-year-old Robert Berch by diving into the icy waters of Belleville Lake to rescue him from drowning in 1953. In 2014, Butler received an Outstanding Citizen Award from the City of Romulus who surprised him by reuniting him with Robert Berch. Nathaniel was preceded in death by wife Marjorie; parents; and siblings Cornelia (Joseph), Andrew (Blondell-living), Alma (Bennie), Effie (Harvey), Charles (Helen Odean), Nevada (Ruth/Emily), Tish, and George Jr. (Helen). Nathaniel leaves to celebrate his memory four sons; Darryl (Beverly), Eric, Yul (Elizabeth), Byron (Danielle); three Grand adults; Nikki, Darryl II, Brianna; three Grandchildren Amir, Jaeden, Evan; five Great-Grandchildren, Garrett, Taylor, Ernest, Denane (Lil Tony), and Brayden; host of nieces, nephews, cousins, church family and friends. Services were held at First Baptist Church in Romulus on Friday April 29, 2016.

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The public is invited to the **Belleville Chamber's** ribbon cutting ceremony at **Edrice Luv Collection**, a fashion forward boutique on May 6, beginning at 4 p.m. at 513 Main Street in Downtown Belleville. There will be giveaways and refreshments served. Get a sneak peek of the store before it opens to the public this Saturday. Call (730) 697-7151.

The **Belleville Area District Library** is holding its annual **Perennial Plant Swap** this Saturday, May 7, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. at the library's outdoor courtyard. The event is free. There also is a Friends of the Library used-book sale from noon to 3 p.m.

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Leah Richter to receive BA degree in special education

Leah Richter of Belleville, daughter of the Rev. James and Sara Richter, is a candidate for a Bachelor of Arts degree in special-education learning disabilities and comprehensive education at Hope College in Holland, MI.

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Grady Long

GRADY LONG

(February 22, 1929 – May 2, 2016)

Age 87, a longtime resident of Willis.

Grady is the beloved husband of the late Hazel (d.2003); dear father of Lois Long of Willis, Wanda (Floyd) Walters of Whitmore Lake, Betty Long of Willis, Linda Slavick-Long of Belleville and Lisa (James) Zarr of Brooklyn. Grady is also survived by his siblings Annie Hoose, Roy Long, Edward Long and Marylee Mullinax; several grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Born in Dial, Georgia on February 22, 1929, Grady moved to Michigan where he was employed with General Motors for 34 years. He was a member of the Ypsilanti Missionary Baptist Church for many years. He also loved spending his time gardening, hunting and fishing, wintering in Florida and traveling the upper peninsula of Michigan. Grady loved his family and enjoyed his grandchildren.

A funeral service will be held at 1 p.m., Friday, May 6, at the Ypsilanti Missionary Baptist Church, 7180 S. Huron River Drive, Ypsilanti. The Long family will receive guests from 10 a.m. until the time of service.

Interment will follow the ceremony at Union - Uddell cemetery. Following the prayers at the cemetery, a dinner honoring Grady's life will be held back at the church.

Visiting hours have been arranged for Thursday from 2 until 8 p.m. at the David C. Brown Funeral Home (734) 697-4500.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Ypsilanti Missionary Baptist Church. Please sign his on-line guest book and share a memory for his family to cherish at www.davidcbrownfh.com.

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CRAFT to hold public meeting at library on potassium iodide tablets

Citizens' Resistance at Fermi 2 (CRAFT) will host a public meeting at the Belleville Area District Library from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 7.

The meeting will focus on the need for everyone living within a 50-mile radius of a nuclear reactor to keep on hand potassium iodide (KI) tablets to prevent the thyroid from absorbing radioactive iodide, should there be an accident.

The meeting will highlight a presentation entitled "Fermi 2, Ki, and You!" given by Keith Gunter, co-chair of the Alliance to Halt Fermi 3, the featured speaker. CRAFT

is partnering with the Alliance and Beyond Nuclear, a national nuclear watchdog group, to raise public awareness of a method people can use to protect their loved ones.

DTE Electric has provided KI vouchers for people living within ten miles of Fermi, but only 5% have obtained them. Canada mails KI tablets to their citizens living within the Fermi radius. France, Ireland, Sweden, and Switzerland pre-distribute the pills to their people.

The American Thyroid Association has recommended everyone within a 200-mile radius have the tablets on hand and all government entities within a 200-mile radius stockpile them, should they be in wind direction of an accident.

For more information, contact Jessie Pauline Collins, CRAFT co-chair, at jessiepauline@gmail.com or call (313) 766-4311.



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Kayleigh Hunley, Caine D'Onofrio wed in barn on farm in Dexter

Kayleigh Viola Hunley of Ypsilanti and Caine Anthony D'Onofrio of Belleville were married May 31, 2015 in a barn wedding and reception at the Nixon Farm in Dexter.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Brad Hunley of Ypsilanti. The bridegroom is the son of Tony D'Onofrio of Columbus, Ohio and Belleville and Stella D'Onofrio.

Maid of honor was Kerri Hunley of Ypsilanti, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Kallie Rose Hunley of Ypsilanti, sister of the bride; Rachel Morgan and Emily Warren, high school friends; and Sarah and Lydia Stevenson, college friends.

Best man was Brad Moss of Clio, MI. Brother of the bridegroom Jack D'Onofrio served as groomsman, along with Taylor North, Matt Hammand, Evan Haneline, and Dave Michaels.

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More Letters

I will fly the new 'Honor and Remember' flag

To the Editor:

I would like to respond to a letter in last week's paper from Mr. Cornell Anton, Jr. With all due respect, **I totally disagree with you.**

I've lived in Belleville all my life and a lot of my family still does. Our father taught us, Love God and Country, Respect Our Veterans and Honor Their Service.

I actually believe that the Honor and Remember Flag is long overdue. In no way will it EVER change or replace what the American Flag stands for, as you seem to think.

My paternal grandmother lost two sons in World War II. One was captured, tortured, and died shortly after his release. It took decades before a proper flag was accepted, our POW-MIA flag, actually until Aug 10, 1990! A flag which I proudly fly in remembrance to all still not returned home.

I remember when my brother came home from service, he and dad went to join the VFW Post in Belleville (Post 4434). My dad, a World War II veteran was in Big Red 1 and served under General Patton. My brother served in Germany during the Vietnam era. The VFW Post was more than happy to accept my dad, but refused to accept my brother. They said Vietnam was a conflict, not a war. Well, tell that to all the families that lost loved ones over there. My dad informed them that his son put on the uniform and served his country with honor sustaining injury while over there. If that wasn't good enough for them, then they could keep their memberships and he would never join.

When our Vietnam Veterans came home from War, many of our VFW members refused them membership. After many

years the VFW finally had a change of heart. They realized if they didn't change their ways and allow Vietnam Veterans in, there would be no one to continue. Many of you now run the VFW Posts.

My family military heritage goes back a long time with family members serving in every branch of this nation's military; my dad, brother, sister, uncles, nephews, fathers-in-law, brothers-in-law, cousins, and even my own son served with pride.

I am grateful for our VFW, PLAV, American Legion; they all represent our Veterans. When my son passed away, I was extremely grateful to our own VFW for honoring him and all they do in honoring this community's Veterans. When your Post 4434 folded the American Flag and placed it in my arms, I was extremely honored to accept it. The Honor and Remember Flag will in no way ever diminish that feeling or ever will.

This community came together in 1989 through 1991 to establish and erect a memorial to honor our fallen soldiers and remember those who served. I was one of many, family, friends, community leaders and veterans including the VFW and PLAV to accomplish this, and we did.

WHO ARE YOU, MR. ANTON, to suggest that flying this flag at our memorial site is wrong? You should be ashamed to suggest our community leaders not take this into serious consideration. I've known one of the men on this project for many years; he is a fellow veteran and would never do anything to dishonor our American Flag.

Mr. Anton, I respectfully ask that you don't stand in the way of other American Veterans trying to accomplish something that is nothing but honorable and respectful.

I am honored to own this flag, to fly this flag, and remember everyone's names I wrote down to be put on the memorial wall. It took months of research, endless phone calls to Washington, D.C., countless meetings, and three years of fund raising.

Yes, Mr. Anton, I will remember and I will fly this flag to honor them all, (including you) and all they did for this grateful Community and this grateful Nation.

Respectfully,
Wendy Deming Clark
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3 FAMILY SALE. May 5, 6 & 7, 9am-?. 44151 Willis Road. 5/5

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ESTATE SALE. 40449 Willis Road. Friday, May 6, 8am-4pm and Saturday, May 7, 10am-2pm. See pictures at: www.ournextsale.net 5/5

ESTATE SALE. May 19, 20 & 21, 9am-5pm. 41500 Bemis Road. Numerous items, furniture, household goods, estate items from 90 year old plus estate. 5/19

MULTI-FAMILY SALE. Thursday, May 5, Friday, May 6 and Saturday, May 7, 10am-5pm. 21530 Elwell. 5/5

FOUR FAMILY SALE. May 5, 6, 7 & 8, 9am-? 22115 Haggerty, off Judd, Belleville. Lots of everything for everybody. Reasonable prices. 5/5

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Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, May 9 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons.
- Tuesday, May 10 – Van Buren Township Local Development Financing Authority, 2 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township work/study at 6 p.m. and regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also, Van Buren Township Board of Zoning Appeals, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library Board, 7:30 p.m.

- Wednesday, May 11 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, May 12 – Keystone Academy School Board, 6 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.
- Monday, May 16 – Van Buren Township work/study session, 4 p.m. Also, Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education work/study session, 7 p.m., Administration Building, to screen superintendent applications by number. Also, Belleville

- City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 17 – Van Buren Township regular board meeting, 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 18 – Belleville Downtown Development Authority, 6 p.m. Also, Van Buren Township Environmental Commission meeting, 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 24 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 6-9 p.m.,

- superintendent interviews. Also, Sumpter Township work/study at 6 p.m. and regular meeting at 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 25 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education 6-9 p.m., interviews candidates for superintendent, selects finalists at end. Also, Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

EXHIBIT A

NOTICE OF INTENT TO EXECUTE TAX-SUPPORTED CONTRACT AND RIGHT TO PETITION FOR REFERENDUM THEREON

TO THE TAXPAYERS AND ELECTORS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Cities of Flat Rock, Gibraltar and Woodhaven in the County of Wayne, the Charter Townships of Brownstown, Huron and Van Buren in the County of Wayne, and the Village of South Rockwood in the County of Monroe (collectively, the “Local Units” and each a “Local Unit”) have each approved the execution of a contract (the “Contract”) with the South Huron Valley Utility Authority (the “Authority”) pursuant to Act No. 233, Public Acts of Michigan, 1955, as amended, which Contract will provide among other things that the Authority will acquire, construct, furnish and equip improvements to the Authority’s sewage disposal system, consisting generally of reequipping existing biological treatment tanks with new diffused aeration equipment, including mixers, diffusers, blowers, valves, gates, control system improvements, and safety improvements, together with all necessary appurtenances and attachments thereto and will issue its bonds in the approximate amount of not to exceed \$3,700,000 to finance all or part of the cost of said improvements. Each Local Unit, including the Charter Township of Van Buren, will pay to the Authority annually all sums necessary to retire its share of the principal of and interest of said bonds pursuant to a proposed Financing Contract among the Authority and the Local Units. Each Local Unit’s share of such payments shall be based generally on the weighted average of the last three calendar years’ flow percentages for each Local Unit served by the sewage disposal system, approximately as follows:

Local Unit	Percentage of Share
Brownstown Twp.	24.62%
Flat Rock City	15.96%
Gibraltar City	10.02%
Huron Twp.	15.97%
South Rockwood Village	2.29%
Van Buren Twp.	16.96%
Woodhaven City	14.18%

CONTRACT OBLIGATIONS OF THE LOCAL UNITS

It is presently contemplated that said bonds will be issued by the Authority in the principal amount of not to exceed \$3,700,000 and will be payable in not to exceed twenty (20) years, and will bear interest at a rate not exceeding 6% per annum on the outstanding principal balance, subject to revision pursuant to Michigan law and the Contract. The Contract includes the pledge by each Local Unit of its limited tax full faith and credit as security for its obligations under the Contract including payment of its share of debt service on the bonds. PURSUANT TO SUCH PLEDGE, EACH LOCAL UNIT, INCLUDING THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN, WILL BE REQUIRED TO LEVY AD VALOREM TAXES ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN ITS BOUNDARIES, SUBJECT TO APPLICABLE CONSTITUTIONAL, STATUTORY AND CHARTER TAX RATE LIMITATIONS, TO THE EXTENT NECESSARY TO MAKE THE LOCAL UNIT’S REQUIRED PAYMENTS UNDER THE CONTRACT IF OTHER FUNDS ARE NOT AVAILABLE. It is the present intention of each Local Unit to use the revenues derived from the operation of its sanitary sewer collection system to make substantially all of the payments required to pay its obligations under the Contract.

RIGHT OF REFERENDUM

FOR EACH LOCAL UNIT, THE CONTRACT WILL BECOME EFFECTIVE without a vote of the electors of the Local Unit, as permitted by law, UNLESS A VALID PETITION REQUESTING AN ELECTION on the question of entering into the Contract, SIGNED BY NOT LESS THAN 10% OF THE REGISTERED ELECTORS OF SUCH LOCAL UNIT, is filed with the Clerk of the Local Unit WITHIN FORTY-FIVE (45) DAYS after publication of this notice. If such petition is so filed, the Contract will not become effective with respect to such Local Unit without an approving vote by the majority of electors of the Local Unit voting on the question.

THIS NOTICE is given pursuant to the requirements of Section 8 of Act No. 233, Public Acts of Michigan, 1955, as amended. Further information concerning the details of said contract and the matters set out in this notice may be secured from the Charter Township of Van Buren Clerk’s office.

Leon Wright
Leon Wright, Clerk
Charter Township of Van Buren

Publish: April 28, 2016; May 5, 2016; May 12, 2016; May 19, 2016; May 26, 2016; June 2, 2016; June 9, 2016

Sumpter Township Public Notice

Sumpter Township
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
April 12, 2016

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm, showing present: Supervisor J. Morgan, Clerk C. Hoffman, Treasurer Bates, Trustees: Swinson, Oddy, LaPorte, P. Morgan. Also showing present Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk J. Hoffman and approximately 20 residents.

3. **Agenda:** Motion by P. Morgan, supported by LaPorte to approve the agenda with the removal of Mayday Operations from Item B. Motion carried unanimously.

4. **Public Comments on agenda items only:**

5. **Minutes:**

A. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to approve Regular Board Meeting Minutes of March 22, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Motion by C. Hoffman, supported by Swinson to approve the Public Hearing Minutes for the 2015-2016 Township Budget of March 22, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Motion by C. Hoffman, supported by P. Morgan to approve CDBG Public Hearing Minutes of March 22, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Motion by Bates, supported by Swinson to accept Sumpter Township’s Fire Department General Meeting Minutes of February 7, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by LaPorte to accept Sumpter Township’s Fire Department General Meeting Minutes of March 6, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

F. Motion by C. Hoffman, supported by LaPorte to accept Election Commission Minutes of April 7, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

6. **Warrants:** Motion by P. Morgan, supported by LaPorte to approve warrants totaling \$1,510,821.92. Roll call vote: Yes: J. Morgan, C. Hoffman, Bates, Swinson, LaPorte, Oddy, P. Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

7. **Water & Sewer Report-Bates:** Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to approve Water & Sewer Report. Motion carried unanimously.

8. **Police Report - Luke:** Motion by C. Hoffman, supported by P. Morgan to approve Police Report. Motion carried unanimously.

9. **Building/Ordinance Report - J. Morgan:** No report.

10. **Fire Report - Januszyk:** Motion by P. Morgan, support by C. Hoffman to receive and file Fire Report. Motion carried unanimously.

11. **Treasurer’s Report - Bates:** Motion by Swinson, supported by P. Morgan to approve Treasurer’s Report. Motion carried unanimously.

12. **Supervisor’s Report - J. Morgan:** Motion by C. Hoffman, supported by P. Morgan to approve the Supervisor’s Report. Motion carried unanimously.

13. **Attorney’s Report - Young:** No report.

14. **Board Response:**

A. Presentation to Esther Hurst. (Presented during Workshop)

B. Trustee Swinson will abstain from voting on item F due to working at Atchinson Ford and working with Chief Luke on it.

C. Acknowledge Margaret Rochon for donating the late Don Rochon’s shirts from Sumpter Fest and from the Sumpter Car show. Esther Hurst assembled the shirts all together for Parks & Rec and they will hang in the Parks & Rec’s building. Eighteen (18) years of Sumpter Fest shirts and twenty (20) years of Sumpter

Car show shirts.

15. **New Business:**

A. Republic Services Presentation on Recycling. (Presented during Workshop at 6:30 pm)

B. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to approve Fire SOP’s Reflection Safety Vests. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Motion by Bates, supported by LaPorte to approve the purchase of a TORO 74930 Z Master 5000 Lawnmower for no more than \$8,959.00 from Commercial Lawnmower in Livonia, MI. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Motion by Bates, supported by P. Morgan to approve Eric Christman & Sons to build a wall around the stage area in the fairground pavilion at a cost of \$12,000.00 to be paid with Wayne County Parks Grant Money. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to approve the purchase of six (6) New Taser Smart Weapons under the Police Department’s 2016-2017 Budget. The total price of \$6,015.40. Motion carried unanimously.

F. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Bates to approve the purchase of two (2) 2017 Ford Police Interceptor Utilities (Explorer) under the Police Department’s 2016/2017 budget. Total price of \$59,672.36. Trustee Swinson abstained from voting. Motion carried.

G. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to approve accepting Tax Foreclosed property at 25900 Karr, Parcel #81-114-99-0007-000 from Wayne County. 6.15 acres. Yes: Six (6), Nay: One (1). Motion carried.

H. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to approve accepting Tax Foreclosed Property 29200 Martinsville, Parcel #81-136-99-0018-005 from Wayne County. 1.50 acres. Yes: Six (6), Nay: One (1). Motion carried.

I. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by LaPorte to approve to purchase software from BS&A to convert utility billing and cash receipts into all in one software at a cost of \$49,950. Motion carried unanimously.

16. **Announcements:**

17. **Open Floor:**

- A. Mary Ban
- 1. Update on Bemis Road Condition
- 2. Application for Parade
- 3. CPR Class

18. **Adjournment:** Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to adjourn at 7:30 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk

Certification

I, Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk of Sumpter Township, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of minutes taken at a Regular Board Meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees on April 12, 2016 at 7:00 pm at the Sumpter Township Hall, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111, County of Wayne, and that the said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be available as required by said act.

Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk

Publish: May 5, 2016

Harry Roesch announces as candidate for VBT Treasurer

It pleases me to announce that I will be seeking the office of Treasurer of Van Buren Township on the Democratic ticket on the Aug. 2, 2016 primary ballot.

My wife Edith and I moved to this beautiful community 11 years ago. After working 35 years at Great Lakes Steel

as an engineer, my work experience included various management positions in operations, quality control, and technology departments. I have learned that success involves respecting and supporting others. By sharing ideas, raising questions, and finding a common ground we can achieve our goals.

Since retiring, I have been on the Board of Review for Van Buren Township for the past five years and a volunteer for the Meals on Wheels program in our community.

For the past 20 years, I have been on the Board of Community Focus Federal Credit

Union in Brownstown, MI and currently the Board Chairperson.

If elected, I will be looking for ways to address the upcoming debt that is soon due. Mistakes have been made in the past. It is up to all of us to start working together on the solutions. I realize that the Treasurer must work along with the Board without conflict to resolve our current problems. While attending various VBT Board and committee meetings I have discovered how dysfunctional the Board comes to decisions and their lack of respect for one another.

During a discussion at an April Township

Board meeting, we were told that the township Administrators had decided that 6.5 mils would be on the November 2016 ballot to provide funds for public safety. This would be an increase from the current 4 mils. They never disclosed where the increased funds would be used.

I received my Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering from Tri-State College, Angola, IN. My qualifications for the Treasurer's position are supported by work experiences and volunteering at the credit union. I have taken numerous classes through the Michigan Credit Union League, including courses in budgeting, accounting, internal controls and developing writing and implementing policies. Work experiences also include budgeting, tracking variances and working with Auditors and Regulators.

If elected, it will be a pleasure to serve the community of Van Buren Township.

Harry Roesch

roeschfortreasure@yahoo.com



City of Belleville Public Notice

City of Belleville Regular City Council Meeting Minutes April 18, 2016

A regular meeting of the Council for the City of Belleville was called to order at 7:30 P.M., at the Municipal Building, 6 Main Street by Mayor Conley.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. ROLL CALL

Council Member Fielder	Present
Council Member Smith	Present
Council Member Tindall	Present
Mayor Pro Tem Loria	Present
Mayor Conley	Present

3. PRESENTATIONS AND CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

4. AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion by Smith, Second by Loria to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Fielder, Second by Tindall to approve the Regular City Council meeting minutes of April 4, 2016 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

None.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Relay for Life Walk/Fundraiser

Motion by Tindall, Second by Fielder to approve Resolution No. 16-041 to approve a request from the American Cancer Society to approve a Relay for Life walk/run fundraiser on High Street between the gazebo and Johnny's grill on Saturday, May 14, 2016. Street to be closed between 8:00 A.M. and midnight.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. Belleville Area District Library Garden Walk

Motion by Fielder, Second by Loria to approve Resolution No. 16-042 to approve a request from Belleville Area District Library for the 2016 Garden Walk fundraiser on July 10, 2016 from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. to be held on the South side of Roland Street.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C. Kona Running Company Use of Fourth Street Square

Kona Running Company withdrew their request to use Fourth Street Square on Friday, June 17, 2016.

D. FY2016/17 Budget Schedule

Motion by Fielder, Second by Smith to approve Resolution No. 16-043 to approve the 2016-17 Budget Timetable as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

Motion by Tindall, Second by Fielder to approve Resolution No. 16-044, to approve accounts payable and payables over \$500.00 with an account number correction for the payment made to Priority One Emergency Uniforms in the amount of \$91.49.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

None.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Loria, Second by Smith to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 P.M.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Long, City Clerk/Treasurer

Approved: May 2, 2016

Published: May 5, 2016

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday, May 25, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.**, in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, Wayne County, Michigan to consider a request to rezone the following described parcels.

Case 16-019: Parcel tax ID number **V-125-83-105-99-0050-000**, is the subject parcel of this hearing. The subject parcel measures approximately 1.54 acres, and is located on the north side of Savage Road, east of Arlene Lane. The Public Hearing is in regards to amending the Charter Township of Van Buren zoning map by rezoning the subject property from **M-1 (Light Industrial) District to R1-B (Single Family Residential) District**.

Case 16-020: Parcel tax ID number **V-125-83-045-99-0004-702**, is the subject parcel of this hearing. The subject parcel measures approximately 1.04 acres, and is located on the south side of Ecorse Road, west of Hannan Road. The Public Hearing is in regards to amending the Charter Township of Van Buren zoning map by rezoning the subject property from **AG (Agricultural) District to C-1 (General Business) District**.

Written comments will be accepted by the Planning and Economic Development Department at 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111 or by e-mail at rakers@vanburen-mi.org until 4:00 p.m. on the hearing date.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodations will be made available with advance notice.

Posted: May 3, 2016
Published: May 5, 2016



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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

Out of the 545 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police this week, the following are selected for this column.

Sunday, April 24:
0150 – disturbance, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0744 – larceny from auto, Belleville
1048 – narcotics crime, Westlake
1056 – hospice, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1146 – private property accident, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1149 – narcotics crime, Lighthouse Dr.
1303 – private property accident, Belleville
1314 – fight, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1420 – narcotics crime, Beckley Rd.
1544 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / E. Huron River Dr.
1610 – shots fired, Belleville Rd./Van Born Rd.
1732 – unauthorized driving away of auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1744 – fraud, S. Ponderosa Trl., cancel
1752 – agency assist, Mott
1828 – missing person, Old Michigan Rd.
1855 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
2053 – assist citizen, Lodge Lanes
2136 – assault & battery, Western St.
2153 – agency assist, Textile/Rawsonville
2244 – holdup alarm, Belleville Rd.
2336 – vehicle repossession, Meadows Cir., cancel
Monday, April 25:
0302 – noise complaint, Hardwood Dr.
0325 – noise complaint, Lighthouse
0848 – neighbor trouble, Pinewood Ln.
1035 – larceny from auto, Archwood
1139 – trespassing, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1230 – fraud, Mansfield Ct.
1413 – intimidation threat, Rose Blvd.
1717 – malicious destruction of property, Haggerty
1923 – private property accident, Belleville Rd.
2019 – breaking & entering, Hull Rd.
2104 – fraud, Amanda Dr.
2239 – malicious destruction of property, Parkwood Dr.

Tuesday, April 26:
0245 – vehicle repossession, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0810 – private property accident, Belleville Rd.
0943 – fraud, Westlake
1134 – harassment call, Park Estates
1147 – property damage, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1243 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1450 – hospice, Meadows Ln.
1701 – narcotics crime, Meadows Cir.
1952 – intimidation threat, Chinkapin Dr.
2013 – retail fraud, Belleville
2348 – retail fraud, Walmart

Wednesday, April 27:
0829 – fraud, Rawsonville Rd.
1000 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1148 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1403 – assault & battery, Holly Ln.
1530 – property damage accident, Hayward’s
1546 – assault & battery, Brandi
1621 – civil matter, Hull Rd.
1701 – malicious destruction of property, Ecorse
1715 – property damage, Ecorse Rd./Belleville Rd.
1719 – personal injury accident, WB I-94 / Belleville
1742 – personal injury accident, Savage Rd./Haggerty Rd.
1759 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / W. Huron River Dr.
2057 – malicious destruction of property, Jeannette Ave.
2142 – assault & battery, W. Huron River Dr.
2251 – narcotics crime, Westlake
2301 – assault & battery, W. Sadie Ln.
2345 – mental, Hamilton St.

Thursday, April 28:
0800 – property damage accident, Kirkridge entrance
0821 – private property accident, Burger King
0941 – larceny from auto, Basswood Cir.
1053 – property damage accident, Hannan Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
1120 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1306 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1412 – harassment call, Country Walk Blvd.
1459 – harassment call, Country Walk Blvd.

1713 – agency assist, N. Liberty
1801 – mental, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1835 – private property accident, Oak Ln.
1846 – assault & battery, Lighthouse Dr.
1916 – private property accident, Country Walk Blvd.
1952 – assault & battery, Maple Dr.
1959 – private property accident, Belleville Rd.
2024 – narcotics crime, Meadows

Friday, April 29:
0115 – vehicle repossession, Haggerty Rd.
0706 – trespassing, Beck Rd./Van Born Rd.
0722 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / W. Huron River Dr.
0746 – operating while intoxicated, Ecorse Rd. / Haggerty Rd.
0802 – agency assist, Main
1010 – larceny from auto, Belleville
1213 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Turnberry Ct.
1247 – private property accident, Van Born
1249 – disorderly conduct, Country Walk Blvd.
1324 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1452 – fraud, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1457 – fraud, Morton Taylor Rd./Bradley Rd.
1500 – abandoned auto, Barnwell Dr.
1512 – fraud, Sumpter Rd.
1514 – harassment call, Maurice Dr.
1543 – private property accident, Van Born
1624 – suicide or attempt, Rose Blvd.
1629 – water leak found, W. Huron River Dr.
1742 – lake complaint, Belleville Lake/Harbour Club

1747 – disorderly conduct, Sylvia Dr.
1752 – property damage accident, WB I-94 / Belleville Rd.
1830 – private property accident, Belleville Rd.
1950 – intimidation threat, Jackson St.
2054 – family trouble, Richard Run
2059 – neighbor trouble, Oak Ln.
2121 – noise complaint, Westlake office
2141 – juvenile complaint, Ash Dr.
2257 – noise complaint, Westlake
2345 – private property accident, Van Born

Saturday, April 30:
0239 – vehicle repossession, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1020 – property damage accident, E. Huron River Dr./Haggerty Rd.
1142 – private property accident, Van Born
1342 – hunting complaint, Ecorse Rd.
1348 – larceny, Westlake
1614 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
1654 – juvenile complaint, Coolidge St.
1957 – disturbance, JT Pub and Grub
2111 – missing person, Lighthouse Dr.

Also on this week’s log are 168 traffic stops, 39 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, April 24:
0221 – noise complaint, N. Aberdeen Ct.
1126 – welfare check, N. Liberty St.
1212 – all other traffic, Belle Villa Blvd.
1328 – civil matter, Loza Ln.
1344 – welfare check, Second St./Main St.
1346 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Estrada
1713 – disturbance, South St.
1934 – domestic assault, N. Liberty St.

Monday, April 25:
0222 – assist citizen, Main St.
0352 – property damage accident, Five Points
0709 – juvenile complaint, Main St./First St.
1105 – intrusion alarm, S. Aberdeen Ct.
1146 – follow up, Carmell St.
1422 – civil matter, Main St.
1459 – property damage accident, W. Columbia Ave.
1656 – traffic complaint, Main St./First St.
1718 – warrant arrest, Canton PD
1721 – follow up, Carmell St.

Tuesday, April 26:
0045 – fraud, Main St.
1259 – civil matter, Loza Ln.
1318 – intrusion alarm, Belle Villa Blvd.
1613 – intrusion alarm, Owen
1643 – property damage accident, Church St.
1717 – assist fire dept., Belle Villa Blvd.

2240 – disorderly conduct, Main St.
Wednesday, April 27:
1549 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.
1603 – warrant arrest, S. Wayne Rd.
1711 – assist fire dept., Belle Villa Blvd.
1954 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.
2029 – sexual assault, Carmell St.
2258 – animal complaint, Menlo Park Dr.
Thursday, April 28:
0856 – shots fired, W. Columbia Ave.
1223 – vehicle lockout, N. Aberdeen Ct.
1451 – assist citizen, W. Columbia Ave.
1709 – suspicious vehicle, N. Liberty St.

Friday, April 29:
0200 – suspicious vehicle, Loza Ln.
0323 – wires down, Southfield
0746 – suspicious situation, Main St.
1116 – disorderly conduct, Carmell St.
1702 – suspicious vehicle, Edgemont Elementary
1944 – assist fire dept., Carmell St.
2308 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
2310 – suspicious vehicle, Owen
Saturday, April 30:
0939 – parking complaint, Carmell St.
1048 – intrusion alarm, Astor
1101 – operating while intoxicated, Third St.
1112 – E-911 cellular, South St./Sumpter Rd.
1135 – retail fraud, Main St.
1240 – retail fraud, E. Huron River Dr.
1539 – domestic assault, Belle Villa Blvd.
2002 – agency assist, JT Pub and Grub
2034 – disturbance, Carmell St.
Also on this week’s log are 34 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, April 17:
0839 – assist other agency, 10000 bl. Willis Rd.
0907 – alarm, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1045 – alarm, 46000 bl. Weimer Rd.
1231 – fire dept. assist, 40000 bl. Willis Rd.
1424 – alarm, 20000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1732 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1813 – suspicious incident, First St.
1938 – fire dept. assist, 27000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
2300 – alarm, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Monday, April 25:
0749 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
1027 – fire dept. assist, 28000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1149 – fire dept. assist, Washington
1616 – neighbor dispute, 44000 bl. Willis Rd.
1733 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1812 – fire dept. assist, New Mexico
1906 – fight, 42000 bl. Judd Rd.

Tuesday, April 26:
0154 – fire dept. assist, 25000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1116 – alarm, 26000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1431 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1446 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Carleton West Rd.
1507 – warrant arrest pick up, 25000 bl. Karr Rd.
1609 – animal complaint, Harris/Martinsville
1912 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Haggerty Rd.

Wednesday, April 27:
0044 – alarm, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0134 – suspicious vehicle, 10000 bl. Rawsonville
0947 – suspicious incident, 8100 bl. Rawsonville
1353 – reckless driver, Sumpter/Willis
1526 – alarm, 5000 bl. Judd Rd.
1541 – suspicious incident, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1845 – subpoena service, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
1936 – suspicious vehicle, 28000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
2010 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
2039 – property damage accident, Judd / Rawsonville
2135 – assist other agency, 25000 bl. Clark Rd.
2217 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Sully Dr.

Thursday, April 28:
1035 – citizen assist, 27000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1126 – fire dept. assist, 41000 bl. Willis Rd.
1453 – larceny, Carriage Ln.
1905 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
2014 – suspicious vehicle, Sumpter/Harris
2115 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Bemis Rd.

Friday, April 29:
0144 – civil dispute, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.
0633 – fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Wear Rd.
0920 – suspicious incident, 11000 bl. Rawsonville
1422 – animal complaint, Bohn/Wear
1439 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.

1712 – civil dispute, New Mexico
1921 – warrant arrest pick up, 26000 bl. Sumpter
1943 – warrant arrest pick up, 25000 bl. Karr Rd.
2027 – suspicious incident, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
2140 – shots fired, 46000 bl. Arkona Rd.

Saturday, April 30:
0127 – noise complaint, Pecan
0550 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Willis Rd.
0801 – fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Sully Dr.
0935 – civil dispute, 22000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1111 – dumping complaint, 28000 bl. Clark Rd.
1201 – citizen assist, Second St.
1528 – disorderly, 44000 bl. Paris Dr.
1819 – family trouble, 23000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1938 – warrant arrest pick up, 19000 bl. Sumpter
1940 – civil dispute, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.
2041 – disorderly, Edgewood

Also on this week’s log are seven follow-up investigations, 35 miscellaneous details, 93 patrol checks and 50 traffic stops.

VBT Traffic Services to patrol neighborhoods, busy intersections

In a May 2 news release, Van Buren Township Public Safety Director Gregory Laurain announced that Officers Ryan Barry, Scott Griggs, and Ryan McCornick of the Traffic Services Division will be conducting special enforcement details in the township neighborhoods, as well as the most highly traveled intersections.

These initiatives are in an effort to slow down motorists and reduce traffic violations and collisions, he said.

Director Laurain said over the last several months, his department has received numerous traffic complaints regarding speed within neighborhoods. This detail will primarily focus on reducing these concerns, he said.

“We ask everyone to please pay close attention to speed limit signs upon entering and throughout the neighborhood you reside in,” Laurain said. “The speed limit in most residential neighborhoods within VBT is 25 mph. Some neighborhoods are posted at lower speeds.

“Please remember that the school year is almost over and the temperature is on the rise,” he said. “More residents will be outdoors with their children and reducing speed in neighborhoods will help make these areas safer for all.”

Laurain said VBT offers its residents access to a speed trailer display unit which can be towed to an area in a neighborhood and set up in minutes. This unit will display the posted speed limit in the area it’s placed, and will show drivers their speed, warning them if they are over the posted limit.

“If you feel that an area is becoming unsafe due to speed, please let us know or request the speed trailer to be set up in your neighborhood by going to our website at www.vanburen-mi.org . Under Departments, go to Public Safety/Police, then click on Traffic Services and send us an email with you request,” he said.

Or, call Traffic Services Division Supervisor Sgt. Michael Papin at (734) 699-8930 with a request.

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Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Thursday, May 5** – National Day of prayer event at Belleville Free Will Baptist Church, 750 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Everyone welcome to pray at the church every hour believing God can “Wake Up, America.”

• **Thursday, May 5** – World Day of Prayer at noon at Victory Station, Five Points, Belleville. Pray to “Wake Up America” and sing patriotic songs.

• **Saturday, May 7** – Huron Valley Conservation Association annual flower sale from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the corner of High and Main streets in downtown Belleville.

• **Saturday, May 7** – Citizens’ Resistance at Fermi 2 (CRAFT) public meeting from 1 to 3 p.m. to focus on need to keep potassium iodide tablets on hand should there be an accident at Fermi, which is within 50 miles.

• **Saturday, May 7** – Perennial Plant Swap at the Belleville Area District Library from noon to 1 p.m. in the library courtyard, or on the porch, if raining. Also, Friends of Library book sale from noon to 3 p.m. Members of the Friends group can shop early from 11 a.m. to noon.

• **Saturday, May 7** – Annual Drive-In Dog Clinic for Van Buren Township residents, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Water/Sewer building behind township hall, 46425 Tyler Road.

One-year rabies vaccination, \$16; one-year distemper vaccination, \$28; one-year dog license, \$5; senior citizen price for dog license, \$2.50. Information: 699-8903.

• **Saturday, May 7, and Sunday, May 8** – St. Anthony’s Boy Scout Troop 793 is holding a flower sale after the 6 p.m. mass on Saturday and after 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. masses on Sunday. All of the flowers and potted plants will be on display at the school entrance.

• **Sunday, May 8** – Cool Birds band performs from 2 to 5 p.m. at September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township. Free. Information: Mike Hoben (734) 260-1170 or Lynette Jordan (734) 699-8918.

• **Wednesday, May 11** – Chicken Supper at Willow United Methodist Church, 36925 Willow Road, New Boston, from 5 p.m. until sold out. Carry outs start at 4:30 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person, with children 12 and under \$5 each. Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, biscuits and gravy, cole slaw, dessert, beverage. (734) 654-9020

• **Thursday, May 12** – Fund raiser for Belleville High School senior class, 5-8 p.m., at Wendy’s on Belleville Road. It’s a Dine to Donate event with Wendy’s giving 15% of the tab to the seniors’ Parents’ organization.

• **Saturday, May 14** – This is the day of the Letter Carriers’ annual food drive. Put food for the needy next to your mail box and your letter carrier will pick it up.

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